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Christopher Boyce

CHARLES KURALT: Back in 1977 Christopher Boyce was convicted of eight counts of espionage and conspiring to commit espionage. He sold the Soviet Union top secret information about a number of CIA spy satellites, including a couple that the Russians reportedly didn't even know anything about until they got the information about them from Boyce.

That September, Boyce was sentenced to 12 to 40 years in prison, even though he claimed he'd been blackmailed into giving the Russians the information. The judge said he believed some of Boyce's story, but gave him the stiff sentence so others would know what Boyce did would not be tolerated.

Well, Boyce escaped from prison some time ago, and David Dow reports that it appears he's back in the spy business again.

DAVID DOW: Nothing has been seen of Christopher Boyce since he escaped from the Lompoc, California Federal Prison 16 months ago. Boyce had been sentenced to 40 years for stealing top secret documents on spy satellites from his employer, TRW, and selling them to the Russians. And somewhere in the Arizona Desert, Boyce reportedly told a fellow prisoner, he had buried more documents.

Now, in San Diego, a story has surfaced indicating that Boyce the fugitive may be back in business, possibly selling secrets on a CIA satellite code named KH-II.

Douglas Wargo, himself a former Lompoc inmate with a reputation as a jailhouse lawyer, said Boyce approached him in San Diego in March of last year wanting legal advice, and